

Last Time: Introduction to Linear maps.  
w/ many examples

Recall: Let  $B$  be a basis of vector space  $V$ .  
Let  $W$  be a vector space. Every function  
 $f: B \rightarrow W$  extends (linearly) to a linear map

$F: V \rightarrow W$  via the formula

$$F\left(\sum_{i=1}^n c_i b_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i f(b_i).$$

Point: Linear maps are determined by where they send  
a basis of the domain space.

### More on Linear Maps

Let  $L: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map. The

kernel of  $L$  is  $\ker(L) := \{v \in V : \underline{L(v) = 0_W}\}$

The range of  $L$  is  $\text{ran}(L) := \{L(v) : v \in V\}$ .

NB:  $\ker(L) \subseteq V$  while  $\text{ran}(L) \subseteq W$ .

Prop: The kernel of  $L$  is subspace of  $\text{dom}(L)$ .

Pf: Let  $L: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map. We'll use  
the subspace test to verify  $\ker(L) \leq V$ . Note

$$L(0_V) = L(0 \cdot 0_V) = 0 \cdot L(0_V) = 0_W,$$

so  $[0_V \in \ker(L) \neq \emptyset]$ . Now suppose  $u, v \in \ker(L)$   
and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Now we apply  $L$  to  $u + cv$ :

$$L(u+cv) = L(u) + L(cv) = L(u) + cL(v) = 0_w + c \cdot 0_w = 0_w$$

Hence  $[u+cv \in \ker(L)]$ . Hence, by the subspace Test we have  $\ker(L) \leq V$ .  $\square$

Ex: Compute  $\ker(L)$  for  $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  w/  $L\left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y+z \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{Sol}}: \quad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \ker(L) & \text{ iff } L\left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \text{ iff } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y+z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \text{ iff } \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y+z = 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Solving the corresponding linear system:  $x=0, y=-z$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \ker(L) &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \underline{x=0}, \underline{y=-z} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -z \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : z \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

NB: We computed a basis for  $\ker(L)$ , namely  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

Ex: Compute  $\ker(L)$  where  $L: \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  is given by  $L(c+bx+ax^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 3a-b & 2b+c \\ a-c & a+b+c \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{Sol}}: \quad c+bx+ax^2 \in \ker(L) & \\ \text{iff } L(c+bx+ax^2) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{iff } \begin{pmatrix} 3a-b & 2b+c \\ a-c & a+b+c \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{iff } \begin{cases} 3a-b & = 0 \\ 2b+c & = 0 \\ a-c & = 0 \\ a+b+c & = 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Solving this linear system:

$$\begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} \swarrow \\ \searrow \end{array}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} a = 0 \\ b = 0 \\ c = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \text{Ker}(L) = \{0 + 0x + 0x^2\} = \{0\}. \quad \square$$

Ex: Compute  $\text{Ker}(L)$  for  $L: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$L \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+y+z \\ x-y+w \end{pmatrix}.$$

Sol:  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Ker}(L)$  iff  $L \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

iff  $\begin{pmatrix} x+y+z \\ x-y+w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

iff  $\begin{cases} x+y+z = 0 \\ x-y+w = 0 \end{cases}$

← solve!

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} x + \frac{1}{2}z + \frac{1}{2}w = 0 \\ y + \frac{1}{2}z - \frac{1}{2}w = 0 \end{cases}$$



$$\therefore \begin{cases} x = -\frac{1}{2}s - \frac{1}{2}t \\ y = -\frac{1}{2}s + \frac{1}{2}t \\ z = s \\ w = t \end{cases} \quad \therefore \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}s & -\frac{1}{2}t \\ -\frac{1}{2}s & +\frac{1}{2}t \\ 1s & +0t \\ 0s & +1t \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \ker(L) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \square$$

What about the range space?

Prop: Suppose  $L: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear map. Then  
 $\text{ran}(L) \leq W$

Pf: Let  $L: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map. We apply the  
 subspace Test. Note  $L(0_V) = 0_W \in \text{ran}(L) \neq \emptyset$ .

Given  $u, v \in \text{ran}(L)$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , note

$$u = \underline{L(\alpha)} \text{ and } v = \underline{L(\beta)} \text{ for some } \underline{\alpha, \beta \in V}.$$

$$\text{Note } u + cv = L(\alpha) + cL(\beta) = L(\alpha) + L(c\beta) = L(\alpha + c\beta).$$

$$\text{But } \alpha + c\beta \in V, \text{ so } u + cv = L(\alpha + c\beta) \text{ yields}$$

$$u + cv \in \text{ran}(L). \text{ Hence } \text{ran}(L) \leq W \text{ by the subspace test. } \square$$

NB: You can adapt this proof to show that, given

$$L: V \rightarrow W \text{ and } U \leq V, \quad L(U) := \{L(u) : u \in U\} \leq W \dots$$

Ex: Compute  $\text{ran}(L)$  where  $L: \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$

$$\text{is given by } L(c + bx + ax^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 3a - b & 2b + c \\ a - c & a + b + c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\text{Sol}}$$
:  $\text{ran}(L) = \{L(v) : v \in V\}$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3a - b & 2b + c \\ a - c & a + b + c \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3a & 0 \\ a & a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -b & 2b \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c \\ -c & c \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ a \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \text{ran}(L) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

NB: Earlier we showed this set is Lin indep. also "  $\square$

Ex: Compute  $\text{ran}(L)$  for  $L: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  w/

$$L \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+y+z \\ x-y+w \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Sol: } \text{ran}(L) = \left\{ L(v) : v \in \mathbb{R}^4 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x+y+z \\ x-y+w \end{pmatrix} : x, y, z, w \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + z \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : x, y, z, w \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \text{ran}(L) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

not a basis!  
(e.g.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ )

Exercise: Compute a basis from  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  for  $\text{ran}(L)$   $\square$

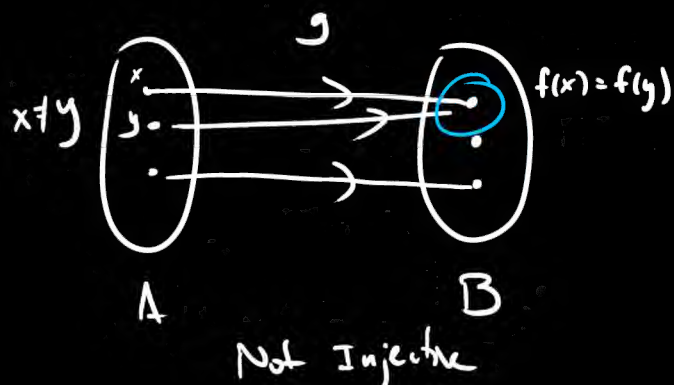
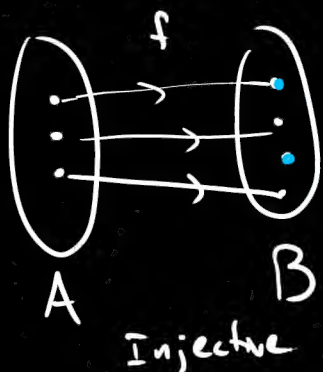
Up until now: line  $\ker(L) \leq V$  and  $\text{ran}(L)$   
↑ ↑  
 "kernel of  $L$ " / "null space of  $L$ "      "range space" / "image".

WHY CARE ABOUT THESE SPACES?

# INJECTIVITY AND SURJECTIVITY

Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a function. We say  $f$  is injective (or one-to-one) when for all  $x, y \in A$ ,  $f(x) = f(y)$  implies  $x = y$ .

Pictures:



NB: The kernel of a transformation should tell us something about injectivity...

i.e.  $\text{Ker}(L) = \{v \in V : L(v) = 0_w\}$


So if  $\text{Ker}(L) \neq \{0_v\}$ , then  $x \in \text{Ker}(L)$  w/  $x \neq 0_v$  but  $L(x) = 0_w = L(0_v)$


If  $\text{Ker}(L) \neq \{0_v\}$ , then  $L$  is not injective

On the other hand, If  $L$  is not injective, then there are  $u, v \in V$  w/  $\underline{L(u) = L(v)}$  but  $u \neq v$ .

Now  $L(u-v) = L(u) - L(v) = 0_w$ , but

$u \neq v$  implies  $u-v \neq 0_v$ . Thus,  $\text{Ker}(L) \neq \{0_v\}$ .

Prop: Let  $L: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map.  $L$  is injective if and only if  $\text{Ker}(L) = \{0_v\}$ . pf: Above " 

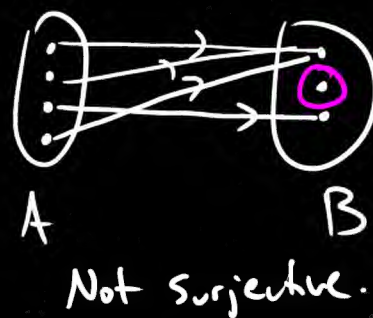
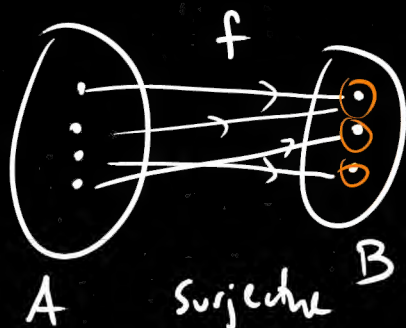
Ex:  $L(c + bx + ax^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 3a-b & 2b+c \\ a-c & a+b+c \end{pmatrix}$  is injective from earlier work " 



Q: Which of the maps we discussed today were injective?

Def<sup>n</sup>: A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is surjective (or onto) when for all  $b \in B$  there is  $a \in A$  w/  $f(a) = b$ .

Picture:



Ex:  $L\left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x+y+z \\ x-y+w \end{pmatrix}$  is surjective.

because  $\text{ran}(L) \supseteq \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \mathcal{E}_2$ ,

$\uparrow$   $x=y=z=0, w=1$        $\uparrow$   $x=y=z=0, w=1$

we see  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \text{span}(\mathcal{E}_2) \subseteq \text{ran}(L) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ . □

NB: If  $\text{ran}(L) = \text{cod}(L) = W$  (where  $L: V \rightarrow W$ ), then  $L$  is surjective (by definition). If  $L$  is surjective, then  $\text{ran}(L) = \{L(v) : v \in V\} = W$  b/c every vector  $w \in W$  is  $L(v) = w$  for some  $v \in V$ .

Prop: The linear map  $L: V \rightarrow W$  is surjective if and only if  $\text{ran}(L) = W$ .

Q: What if  $L$  is both surjective and injective?  
 $\hookrightarrow$  " $L$  is bijective"  $\rightarrow L$  is a "linear isomorphism".